

TCRP Program – Application Amendment Project # 37.2 – March 2006

Los Angeles Los Angeles Mid-City Transit Improvements; build Bus Rapid Transit system or Light Rail Transit in Mid-City/Westside/Exposition Corridors in Los Angeles County.

(\$ X 1,000)

Estimated Project Cost:	\$635,000	TCRP Funds Approved to Date:	\$249,800
TCRP Funds – Subproject #37.2:	\$249,800	Phases(s) Approved:	1,2,4
TCRP Funds for Project #37:	\$256,000	Implementing Agency:	LACMTA
Lead Agency:	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)		

TCRP Allocations Approved to Date: \$233,100

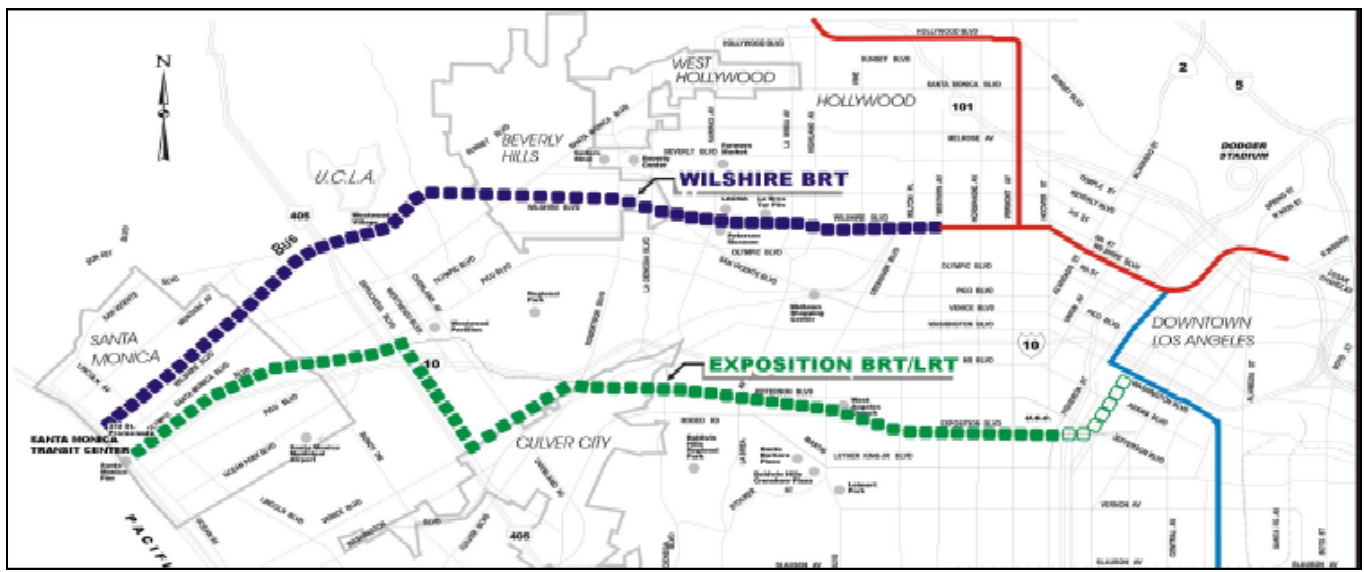
Advance Approved: \$0

LONPs Approved to Date: \$30,700

for Phase(s): 1,4

for Phase(s): N/A

for Phase(s): 1,2



Project Summary: The purpose of the Los Angeles Mid-City Transit Improvements project is to build a light rail transit (LRT) or bus rapid transit (BRT) system along the Mid-City/Westside/Exposition corridors in Los Angeles County. The project will be implemented to two sub-projects.

- Sub-Project #37.1 – BRT system along Wilshire Boulevard (Total cost = \$194,400,000, including \$186,900,000 in TCRP funding), and
- **Sub-Project #37.2** – LRT system along Exposition Boulevard (Total cost = \$631,500,000, including \$69,100,000 in TCRP funding). (The \$69,100,000 in TCRP funding proposed for #37.2 includes \$42,000,000 de-programmed from #37.1 in October 2002.)

Sub-Project #37.2 – the Mid-City LRT along Exposition Boulevard, will serve as a major east-west route connecting downtown Los Angeles to the University of Southern California and West Los Angeles ending at Venice/Robertson Boulevards. The LRT will start at the existing Metro Red Line 7th/Flower station, branching off the existing Blue Line at Washington Boulevard and Hill Street. The LRT will proceed south on Hill Street in mixed traffic to the LACMTA owned Exposition right-of-way, purchased in 1991 in anticipation of this project, where it will continue 7.7 miles to Venice/Robertson Boulevards. The LACMTA is proposing to construct this project using the design/build approach.

Note: Activities, such as Studies and the Draft EIR/EIS, were completed in conjunction with other projects in the region, prior to approval of this application, therefore costs associated with completing those activities are not reflected in the funding plan.

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Cost and Schedule (\$ x 1,000)

Phase	Scope	Start	End	Cost
1	Environmental Review, Permits, Prelim Engineering	5/00	2/06	\$25,000
2	Plans, Specifications and Estimates - Final Design	7/04	12/09	\$25,000
3	Right of Way Acquisition	2/06	2/10	\$23,200
4	Construct Design/Build Contract	2/06	9/12	\$521,400
	Light Rail Vehicle Acquisition			\$40,400
Total:				\$635,000

Funding Plan (\$ x 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
TCRP	State	Committed	\$25,000	\$16,700		\$208,100	\$249,800
		Proposed					
PC25%	Measure	Committed			\$3,100	\$167,100	\$170,200
		Proposed					
CMAQ	Federal	Committed		\$8,300	\$20,100	\$186,600	\$215,000
		Proposed					
	Totals:	Committed	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$23,200	\$561,800	\$635,000
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AB 1335 Letter Funding Plan (\$ x 1,000)

Source	Type		Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Total
Prop C 25%	Local	Totals:	\$14,000	\$16,700			\$30,700
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Prior TCRP Action:

- Original application for Project #37 (now known as Sub-Project #37.1) was approved on January 18, 2001 (Resolution TA-01-01), for Phase 1 – Environmental Review and Permits.
- A subsequent application was approved on May 9, 2002, under Resolution TA-02-06, to split the project into two sub-projects and program Phase 1 – Environmental Review and Permits, for **Sub-Project #37.2** – Mid-City LRT system along Exposition Boulevard, to complete the Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement and start Preliminary Engineering.
- An application amendment to program an additional \$14,000,000, for a total of \$25,000,000, for Phase 1 – Environmental (ENV), and to update the schedule for Phase 1 - ENV, and to update the overall project financial plan, was approved on September 24, 2003 (TAA-03-10). The additional funds for Phase 1 are to address the possibility of grade separations, a tunnel segment through Exposition Park and other enhancements to the alignment not previously planned. An AB 1335 Letter of No Prejudice in the amount of \$14,000,000 for Phase 1 was approved also approved (TL-03-01).
- An amendment to update project schedule was approved June 17, 2004, under Resolution TAA-04-05 to reflect the temporary suspension of TCRF allocations impact
- An amendment to program Phase 2 and update the funding table was approved May 26, 2005 (Resolution TAA-05-05). This amendment also pulled TCRP funds from 37.1 and transferred them to this project (into Phase 4). Also, a Letter of No Prejudice for \$16,700,000 in Phase 2 was approved May 26, 2005 (Resolution TL-05-02).
- An amendment to program Phase 4 and update the schedule and funding table was approved November 3, 2005 (Resolution TAA-05-33).
- An amendment to update the schedule and funding tables was approved February 2, 2006 (Resolution TAA-06-01).
- An allocation to liquidate the \$14,000,000 Phase 1 LONP was approved February 2, 2006 (Resolution TFP-06-01), and the requested allocation of \$208,100,000 for Construction was added to the pending list.
- An allocation of \$208,100,000 for Phase 4 was approved March 16, 2006 (TFP-06-07).

Status of Conditions: No conditions.

Discussion/Issues: Phase 2 is currently underway (design/build). Due to the financial uncertainties of TCR funds, alternative funding has been identified to enable these activities to continue on schedule. The MTA will use Local Prop C 25% funds. However, should TCR funds become available in the future, the MTA wishes to be reimbursed for any and all eligible expenses related to Phase 2 activities. A Letter has been approved, totaling \$16,700,000. The Letter for Phase 1 for \$14,000,000 has been liquidated (allocated).